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THE CUBAN REVOLUTION

Great Excitement Prevails in Porto Rico.

REBELLIOUS LEADERS IN PRISON.

Reported That Garcia Has Left the Rebel Ranks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A dispatch to the Herald from Porto Rico says:

"Great excitement has been caused here among all classes by the discovery of a conspiracy to overthrow the Spanish rule on this island. Many persons, who form a branch of the Marti Revolutionary Club, of New York, have been arrested and are in prison at San Juan awaiting trial.

"The present affair is the outcome of the threatened revolution of a year ago, when General Gamir, the Spanish governor-general, attempted to demonstrate Mexican money, which is the principal currency of the island.

"A secret order was then formed, and each member swore to fight for the independence of Porto Rico. One of the lately initiated members betrayed the scheme to the government, and General Gamir ordered the arrest of the leaders. On the way from Arroyo to San Juan with the prisoners, the guards were attacked, but they succeeded in placing their prisoners in prison. The governor-general has called to Spain for more troops."

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A local paper says:

"The Porto Rican revolutionary party has adopted a flag. At a secret meeting held at the home of Dr. Julio Hanna a color committee was appointed to design a flag for the revolutionist and submit its report as soon as possible to the board of directors, of which Dr. Hanna is president. At a secret meeting of the board, this committee made its report which was adopted amid enthusiastic shouts of 'Vive Porto Rico libre!'

"The flag, in design, is identical with the Cuban flag, but the arrangement of the colors, which are as Cuba's flag is different. The Porto Rican flag has five wide horizontal stripes, three red and two white. The left side is a triangle of bright blue, the base being the stiff edge, and the apex being in the middle of the red center stripe. In the center of this blue triangle is one white star. The white star stands for Porto Rico, and the blue around it signifies that it is in the midst of the sea, which separates it from Spain, the mother country, being represented by the blood red stripes. The white stripes represent the republics which were once provinces of Spain, but which have gained their independence through revolution.

"The first flag is now being made in this city after this design, and arrangements have been made for the manufacture of a large number of them.

"Another important action taken at the meeting was the appointment of Dr. R. E. Betances as delegate-general of the revolutionary party.

"Dr. Betances," said Dr. Hanna, "is the real leader of the revolutionary movement. He is one of the foremost leaders in West Indian affairs, and a stronger man to champion our cause could not be found. He is now in Paris, doing what he can in the interests of Porto Rican independence."

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A local paper says:

A dispatch from Havana received at the headquarters of Hijos de Espana states that Francisco Garcia, one of the insurgent chiefs, who joined the ranks of the rebels last February, with Amador Guerra, who was killed, has presented himself at General Campos' headquarters at Santa Clara and asked to be pardoned.

Garcia was one of Maximo Gatz's ablest lieutenants and fought at his side at the battle of Dols Rios. Garcia signified a desire to join the Spanish troops.

"Not that I want to turn traitor and fight my own countrymen," he said, but to assist in putting down a war which was ill-considered and ill-advised and the continuance of which means dreadful misery and poverty on the island. It is impossible for the insurgents to win.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—In diplomatic circles here it is said the cabinet crisis in Spain will have no effect on the policy of "palm toward Cuba, nor in any way affect diplomacy or other general questions. The crisis is due to

a local contest in Madrid, into which some of the cabinet ministers have been drawn. It is possible the resignation of the minister of justice may result. In executing the plan of Cuban reforms, giving limited autonomy to Cuba, were adopted last March, but the minister of justice withheld execution because the island was in rebellion.

GERMAN AFFAIRS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A dispatch to the Journal from Berlin says: "Notwithstanding the recent energetic measures of the government against socialists, the party leaders are sanguine of ultimate victory in the Reichstag and of putting a stop once for all to what they term 'the tyrannical impression by an imperial autocrat of universal suffrage.'"

The socialists have prepared a coup d'etat, which will explode like a bombshell in the Reichstag. That they fear neither the Kaiser nor the government, is evident from the violent attack of Herr Reibel at Wednesday's session, and from the 12 mass meetings which were held in Berlin last night.

At a secret committee meeting of prominent members of the party it was determined to make a bold stand. The Vorwaerts asserts that, although at the recent police search of the editorial rooms of the paper some insignificant Hammerstein letters had been confiscated, there still remains a number of the most compromising epistles in the hands of the management. These letters were addressed to Baron von Hammerstein, who has now absconded and is in a place of safety beyond the reach of the government detectives.

RIOTS IN MADAGASCAR.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—A report from Antananarivo says that an anti-European mob, numbering 6000, destroyed the mission station at Ramamandro.

WALES RECOVERING.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Prince of Wales, who had some grains of powder blown into his right eye while shooting on the estates of Sir Edward Lawson, at Beaconsfield, yesterday, has almost recovered.

The Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The Republican senate caucus committee, after a prolonged session expressed the opinion that they would be able to report a Republican membership of the senate committee to the caucus on Monday. The day's developments make it altogether likely that the appropriations committee will be enlarged to twelve members in order to make room for Senators Quay, Patterson and Perkins, of California.

Senator Stewart, who was formerly slated for membership on the appropriations committee as a Populist, probably will not get the place, but will become chairman of the committee on Pacific railroads.

Senator Fritchard, of North Carolina, is to be chairman of the committee on civil service and retrenchment.

The proposition of the "young bloods" to push the reorganization of the senate prior to the Christmas holidays has met with much opposition from the older Republican senators, who recall that they resisted the anti-Christmas reorganization of the senate when the Democrats last gained control, and should the Democrats show a disposition to resist hasty reorganization the matter will probably go over until after the holidays. The committee reports will be made and adopted before any attempt is made to elect senate officers.

Graveroobers in Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 14.—About 4 o'clock Friday two men were seen driving to the Baltimore block in this city. They acted mysteriously and unloaded and secreted in a closet a bulky bundle. The police waited until the men had gone, and, on investigation, found the bundle secreted in the closet contained the body of a man somewhat decomposed, wrapped in coffee sacks. The body is thought to be that of a pauper who died a week ago. Late tonight Adrienne Comely and William Westfall, who unloaded the bundle, were arrested on the charge of graverobbing. Their object is supposed to have been to sell the body.

Team Electrocuted.

SEATTLE, Dec. 14.—Two horses attached to a dray were electrocuted this morning by coming in contact with a live telephone wire on Second street. Both horses fell as soon as they were struck, and for a few seconds sparks flew from their necks and manes.

More Obscene Mail.

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—Rev. B. F. Fuller, of Albany, Oregon, was indicted today by the United States grand jury for sending an obscene letter through the mail to Mrs. Mattie Chambers, of Centralia.

AN UNMASKED ROBBER

Holds Up the Ager-Klamath Stage Once More.

A MINISTER'S WIFE ON BOARD.

County Officials Blamed for the Repeated Offences.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 14.—The stage from Ager to Klamath Falls was held up last night at the foot of the Topsy grade, near where the former hold ups have occurred.

The robber stood behind a tree and covering the driver, Geo. Humphrey, with a Winchester, ordered him to halt. There was only one passenger, the wife of Rev. Buchner, a Methodist minister living at Corbett about fifteen miles from the scene of the robbery. The robber ordered Humphrey to take a lighted candle and go down the road about fifteen yards after cutting open the mail sacks.

Miss Buckner stood near the hind wheel of the stage and had a good view of the highwayman. He was not masked; he had a full dark beard, and kept his hat pulled down over his face.

The robber took what money Mrs. Buckner had in her purse, 25 cents. She had tied up the rest of her money in the end of a shawl around her neck. The citizens are routing the county officials for apathy and inaction as the hold ups are becoming very frequent.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

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A great deal of old history came to light in the canvass for the woolen mill subsidy. Chairman McCornack and Mr. A. Bush, the banker, were discussing taking stock when the talk ran something like this:

Mr. Bush remarked that he would like to convert his Hotel Willamette into a woolen mill, offering to put it in as a store, or in any way to get an elephant off his hands, winding up with the remark that a man who would put \$50,000 into such a piece of property was not a good business man and ought never to take stock in anything. Mr. McCornack said in reply, that he had the same poor opinion of himself or of any man who would put \$40,000 of good money into the opera house, and wound up by offering to trade it for the hotel. This Mr. Bush declined, although the opera house property is now paying a small interest on the investment.

The two Salem millionaires commiserated with one another a great while, and finally wound up the séance by both deciding to see the woolen mill proposition through. Speaking of the opera house, it is the first story that pays anything. It would be a saving to the owner to have the upper two stories removed if it could be done without expense and save his insurance, taxes and keeping up the property.

The inefficiency of our press as a guardian of the public interest, whenever this is imperilled by the representatives of great "interests," is finely shown by its general silence as to the new railroad combination. There is hardly any one outside the reach of railroad control who does not, and there are multitudes within it who do, denounce the new arrangement as a peril to both industrial and political life. It puts an end to legitimate as well as to illegitimate competition between rival lines. It places the charges for both passage and freight within control of a single tribunal, unrecognized and uncontrolled by law. It sets a most defiant example of extending corporate action beyond the bounds established by charter, and one, which producers of all kinds will be only too ready to follow to the oppression of the public. And it creates a political force for the control of elections in corporate interests, of which we have no example in history. Yet the newspapers have been silent, or have "roared as gently as a sucking dove" in their criticisms of it. They have more space and time for the details of a foot-ball game, and more indignation to spend on some petty default, than on the creation of a power, which easily may become omnipotent in our politics.—Philadelphia American.

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Another Builders' Strike. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Another big strike in the building trades is on, and has already involved more men than that of the housemiths, which ended yesterday. A thousand Knights of Labor, steam fitters and helpers, members of the enterprise association, are striking against the master steam and hot water-fitters' association, to enforce an annual agreement on a scale of wages. The strike has already caused a suspension of work on more than 200 new buildings where steam power and steam heat are required during the prevailing cold weather, consequently, many workmen of other trades and occupations are necessarily out of work.

The Thurman Funeral.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 14.—Never has there been a more notable gathering in this city on a similar occasion than at the funeral of Allan J. Thurman. Governor McKinley and all state officers, city officers, and all government employees in the city were present. In accordance with the wishes of the deceased, the exercises were simple, yet most solemn and impressive. Rev. J. L. Grover, a life-long friend of Judge Thurman, read the Episcopal burial service.

Gompers Elected.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Samuel Gompers was elected president of the American Federation of Labor by majority of eighteen over John McBride, his only opponent. The socialists voted for McBride.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Salem and Eastern Quotations Corrected Daily.

CHICAGO Dec. 14.—Wheat, cash 56 1/2c; May 56 1/2c. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Silver, 89 1/2c; lead, 23.30. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Wheat, 56 1/2c. WHEAT—Oregon, choice, 75 1/2c; inferior, 74 1/2c. VALLEY, 74 1/2c. POTATOES—Quinn's at 50c. POTATOES—30 to 40c per sack Oregon Burbanks 50 1/2c per sack. Oats—Milling, 45 1/2c. PORTLAND MARKET. PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—Wheat valley 85. Flour—Portland, 2.50; Benton county, 2.50. Graham, 2.25; superfine, 2.25 per bbl. Oats—White, 2.00; gray, 1.80; rolled, 1.75. Potatoes—New Oregon, 2.00 per sack. Hay—Good, \$18.50 per ton. Wool—Valley, 11c.

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